

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****In re Application of:****JAN 03 2006****Giammaria SITAR****Examiner: Vera Afremova****Serial No.: 09/937,137****Art Unit: 1651****Filed: September 21, 2001****Atty. Dkt.: 3026-101****For: A METHOD FOR THE SEPARATION OF FETAL CELLS FROM THE
MATERNAL PERIPHERAL BLOOD****PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT**

**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

Applicant submits herewith his petition to extend the time to respond to the Office Action of August 1, 2005 for two months from November 1, 2005 to Tuesday, January 3, 2006. The petition fee under 35 USC §1.17(a)(2) of \$225.00 for a small entity is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in this fee or charge any overpayment to deposit account 50-3135.

In response to the Office Action of August 1, 2005, applicant submits the following amendment and remarks.

***Amendments* to the claims start on page 2.**

***Remarks* start on page 8.**

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